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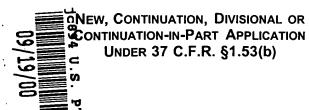
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ideı	ntified by: [] First named inventor Gert UMBACH
	or [X] Attorney Docket No. (see above)
Тур	pe of Application
[X]	This application is a new (non-continuing) application.
[]	This application is a [] continuation / [] divisional / [] continuation-in-part of prior application No Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or

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2. Contents of Application

a.	[X]	Specification of 22 pages; [] A microfiche computer program (Appendix); [] A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;
	[]	Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation [] is enclosed [] will be filed.
	[]	Cancel original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (A least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)

b. [X] Drawings on 5 sheets;

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[X] A signed Oath/Declaration [] is enclosed / [X] will be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

The enclosed Oath/Declaration is [] newly executed / [] a copy from a prior application under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) / [] accompanied by a statement requesting the deletion of person(s) not inventors in the continuing application.

d. Fees

FILING FEE	Number				Number	-			Basic Fee
CALCULATION	Filed				Extra		Rate		\$690.00
Total Claims	19	-	20	=	0	×	\$18.00	=	0.00
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- [] A check is enclosed to cover the calculated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.
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3. **Priority Information**

- [X] Foreign Priority: Priority based on German Application No. 19945004.8, filed September 20, 1999 is claimed.
 - [X] A copy of the above referenced priority document [] is enclosed / [X] will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

[]	Provis	ional Appli	cation Priority:	Priority	based	on United	States	Provisional	Application
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4.	Other	Subm	issions

[]	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.						
[X]	An Information Disclosure Statement, 1 sheet of PTO Form 1449, and 2 patent(s)/publications/documents are enclosed.						
[]	A power of attorney						
	[] is submitted [] with the new Oath/Declaration.						
	[] is of record in the prior application and [] is in the original papers / [] a copy is enclosed.						
[]	An Assignment of the invention						
	[] is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.						
	[] is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to, and is recorded at Reel, Frame(s)						
[]	An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.						
[X]	An Express Mailing Certificate is enclosed.						
[]	Other:						

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